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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

ROBERT M. ELLIOTT, M.D.

Holder of License No. 20769 For the Practice of Medicine In the State of Arizona. Case Nos. MD-03-1070A, MD-04-0701A

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Robert M. Elliott, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agreed to the following disposition of this matter.

- Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order contained herein ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so has elected not to do so.
- 2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.
- This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. The Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part thereof. This Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.
- This Consent Agreement does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any future investigation, action or

proceeding. The acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.

- 6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 7. Upon signing this Consent Agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to this document. Any modifications to this document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 8. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
- 9. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and on the Arizona Medical Board's website.
- 10. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.
- 11. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order,

probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter") and A.R.S. § 32-1451.

Dated: ____

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- Respondent is the holder of license number 20769 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland expired on September 30, 1992. In December 1999, Respondent submitted a Reinstatement Application to the Maryland State Board of Physicians ("Maryland Board"). The Reinstatement Application asked whether Respondent had been named as a defendant in a filing or settlement of a medical malpractice action within the past five years. Respondent answered "no" to this question.
- 4. The Maryland Board subsequently obtained information that three medical malpractice suits had been settled on Respondent's behalf within the five years prior to Respondent's submission of the Reinstatement Application.
- 5. On September 13, 2000, the Maryland Board issued a Notice of Initial Denial of Respondent's application, based on the alleged misrepresentation made by Respondent in his Reinstatement Application. Following a two-day hearing before an administrative law judge, a decision was rendered recommending denial of Respondent's Reinstatement Application. On September 30, 2003, the Maryland Board denied reinstatement of Respondent's license.
- 6. On May 6, 2004, Respondent surrendered his license to practice medicine in Oregon "prior to or in lieu of Inquiry, investigation, or other action" by the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners into the circumstances surrounding his Maryland Reinstatement Application.
- The Board initiated case number MD-03-1070A after receiving notification
 that the Maryland Board had denied re-instatement of Respondent's license after the

 Maryland Board found that Respondent willingly made false representations when seeking re-licensure.

- 8. The Board initiated case number MD-04-0701A after receiving notice that Respondent had surrendered his Oregon license to practice medicine, based on the Maryland Board's denial of the re-instatement of his Maryland license.
- 9. Respondent admits to those acts described above that constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("Action that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction.").

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a Consent Agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT License Number 20769, issued to Robert M. Elliott, M.D. for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, is surrendered and that Robert M. Elliott, M.D. immediately return his wallet card and certificate of

1	licensure to the Board, if he still has possession of such documents.
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3	ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD
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5	(SEALS:
6	By: LISA S. WYNN
7	Executive Director
8	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
9	this day of 12/22008 with:
10	Arizona Medical Board 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
11	Scottsdale, AZ 85258
12	EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this day of 1970/2008 to:
13	- County
14	Robert M. Elliott, M.D. (Address of Record on file with the Board)
15	Respondent
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